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**RE: Proposed H.B. No. 6557 AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR
THE RECREATIONAL USE OF LANDS.**

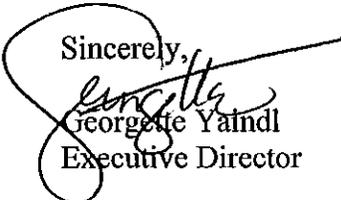
Dear Co-Chairs Coleman and Fox, and Committee members,

Bike Walk Connecticut is a statewide membership based organization committed to ensuring that bicycling and walking are attractive, safe, and reliable modes of everyday transportation in Connecticut.

Bike Walk Connecticut has formally endorsed the campaign to reform the state Recreational Land Use Act to provide municipal and quasi-public owners of land the same limited immunity from liability as currently is extended to state and private owners who make their land open to free recreational use and enjoyment by the public. We are writing today respectfully to request that the Judiciary Committee demonstrate the same support by voting favorably to pass H.B. 6557.

We believe on any given day under any circumstances, there is no rational basis for a state recreational land use law/policy that provides municipal and quasi-public landowners any less express statutory provision of limited immunity than any other owner of land. But these days we now are given are under circumstances that clearly should compel your votes in favor of these bills, along with other initiatives like it that serve to increase, not threaten to deny, opportunities for residents and guests to burn calories while enjoying the magnificent Connecticut outdoors.

On behalf of the Board and our membership, thank you truly for your attention to this letter. We respect the many demands on your time and energy, and are grateful for all that you are doing promoting the health and vitality of the people and State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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